Claims:

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method of managing electronic mail (email)
2   messages in an email account, the method comprising:
3   displaying to a user a first open email message on a display screen
4   of a device;
5   while displaying the first open email message to the user, detecting
6   an intent of the user to perform an action that results in closing the first
7   open email message;
8   presenting the user, in automatic response to detecting the intent
9   of the user to perform an action that results in closing the first email
10   message, a plurality of deletion options from which the user selects one
11   deletion option before the action can be completed;
12   receiving from the user a selection of one of the deletion options;
13   ~~and~~
14   in automatic response to receiving the selection from the user,
15   completing the action that results in closing the first email message and
16   setting a deletion criterion for a particular email message based on the
17   selected deletion option<u>;</u>
18   <u>displaying a mailbox view listing a plurality of email messages, and</u>
19   <u>providing a deletion indicator for each email message in the mailbox view</u>
20   <u>marked for deletion; and</u>
21   <u>activating the deletion indicator for one of the email messages to</u>
22   <u>display deletion criterion associated with that email message.</u>

1   2.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the particular
2   email message for which the deletion criterion is set is the first email
3   message and the action is to close the first email message.

1   3.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the action is to

2   send the first email message to another email user and the particular

3   email message for which the deletion criterion is set is a copy of the sent

4   first email message.

1   4.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein setting the

2   deletion criterion for the particular email message includes associating

3   deletion of the particular email message to an occurrence of a scheduled

4   item.

1   5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the scheduled item is an

2   appointment in a calendar.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the scheduled item is a task in

2   a task list.

1   7.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein setting the

2   deletion criterion for the particular email message includes scheduling

3   deletion of the particular email message at a specified time.

1   8.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   prompting the user for confirmation before deleting the particular email

3   message based on the deletion criterion.

1   9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising defining by the user

2   each deletion option to be presented.

1   10. – 39. (Canceled)